

## Renewable Energy Incentives and Tax Exemptions in New Hampshire

[State law](#) grants municipalities the option to exempt certain renewable energy installations from property taxation. NH R.S.A. 72: 61-72 are the relevant sections. As of 2002, [57 municipalities](#) have elected to exempt at least one type of renewable installation; check with your local tax collector or assessor. If your city or town has adopted the exemption, the added value of the equipment and installation to your property may be exempt from taxation. If the option is not offered, see the sections in the statute for “adoption procedure.”

NH Public Utilities Commission code also provides for [net metering](#), which permits homeowners to receive credit for excess electricity generated from solar cells or wind turbines, by running the home’s electric meter backward when on-site generation exceeds consumption.

There are currently no other state-funded incentives for residential renewable energy installations; however New Hampshire has a [streamlined siting approval process](#) for electric generation facilities over 30 MW capacity, as described in Chapter 4 of the [New Hampshire Energy Plan](#). While this process is required for facilities over 30MW capacity, developers of smaller facilities can petition to use the process as well, which may help expedite local permitting.

The proposed federal energy plan, which is currently being debated in Congress, may include renewable energy incentives in its final form. For other renewable energy information sources, contact:

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Real Goods' [Solar Living Source Book](#), 9<sup>th</sup> edition, 1996, by John Schaeffer & the Real Goods Staff, distributed by Chelsea Green Publishing Company in White River Junction VT. ISBN: 0-930031-82-2. This book contains a wealth of product information and conceptual background on energy efficiency and renewable energy.

[Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests](#), 54 Portsmouth Street, Concord NH 03301-5400. Telephone 603-224-9945. Their Conservation Center hosts several environmental organizations in two buildings, the newest completed in 2001, which showcase a variety of state-of-the-art energy conservation and renewable energy design features and installations.

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